The armyng of a Christen Warrier readie to fyghte with the enemies of our captain and Sauioure Jesus Christe, to the whiche soldiers, Henry Barret the writer of this rude boke, wisheth health & muche increase of faith.

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TO THE RYGHT VVOR=
chypfull Sir John Marcham
Knyghte Lieutenaunte of the Kynges
maieſtes Tower of London, Hen=
ry Barret wyſheth healthe
and long encreace of
worſhyppe.

CConſideryng the manifold enormities which hereto=fore hathe crepte into this realme through the falſe vſur=ped power of the biſhop of Rome and the vngodly doctrine of his adherentes not only to the great decaye of Chriſten religion but alſo (if gods mercy were not) to the vtter deſtruccion of many erable ſoules, whiche throughe Apoſtilie and pernicious doc=trine wer ſeduced, and brought from honouring of our only ca=pitain the true, liuing and eter=

nall god vnto the worshippyng
of creatures, stockes and stones
vnto voluntarie woorkes and
phātasies inuented of men, such
was their hypocriticall & pha-
risaicall policies in the warres
of their master the bishop afore
said, their armure so pestylente
strong, that hitherto is not only
thoroughly pearced, but had in
some estimation and price, ỹ ap
pointing of their armure so de-
lectable and pleasaunt, and or-
dered in such abuse sort and fa-
shion that vnneth any christen
captaine or souldier may with-
out long trauaile make playne
the false deuyse therof, apparel-
lyng the said christian soldyers
in harnesse of sauegard fashio-
ned, inuented, and made by our
euerlastyng captain Christ, but
for my parte lackyng learnyng
and

and knowledge, yet of a good & earneste mynde to the furtherraunce therein, and also to prouoke the learned captains who hath read the ordre of Christes batail wherin he teacheth what ordre and armuur his soldiers muste ble to explane & set furth the same, haue taken in hād this simple & illiterate treatise, dedicatyng the same, to youre good maisterschip whom I doubt not wyl esteme and accept my good will which may stere and instigate the learned to trauayle for the perfit armyng of all Christē souldiers, and ordre in battayle that therby they maye haue the rewarde that is laied vp for thē which god of his infinite mercy grant vs for his sōnes sake our sauiour Iesu Christ

The greaues and Quelbes.

Ephe. iiii. FIrste put on your greaues and quesches, that your leg-
ges maye bee so armed that ye may boldly walke in ỹ right wayes that is directid vnto vs by our captain and sauiour, and wãder not in the wrong wayes whiche of long tyme hath been taught vs, by the false gydes of Rome and ther tradicions, but ye shal only folow our own cap-
Mat. xviii. tain to whom is geuen al power in heauen and in earth, for he is an euerlasting king, and we his famile and souldiers which are
Roma. Vi. baptised in our captain, by faith are baptysed with hym to the death, and by his prouision shal be partakers of his euerlastyng
Roma. Vi. campe and kingdome, for when ye were dead through sinne we wer quickened with him in spi-
rite. &c. Wherefore let vs take

that

that same waye that we haue in commandement by our captayn Jesu Christ, which is our sauiour, and captayne after the ordre of Melchisedech.

The Coller

AND ye shall Arme your self with a Coller, of good and perfite metall so well tempored that there shall not passe through the same anye wepons of our enemy Satan, which goeth about with many proud assayes to pearse our armure and to hurt both our body and soule but like good and true soldiers kepe the ordres that is geuen to you in our graunde captaynes boke, and your enemy Satã nor all his disciples shal not pearse your armure, neither hurt your body nor soule. First ye shall not sweare by youre captayne Jesu Math. V.

christes name nor by any thing
that is of his makynge, not by
Zacary. 5. one heare of youre heade whyte
nor blacke, for the curse of God
our captain shall rest in ỹ house
of him that sweareth falsely, ye
shall not let passe thorough the
same any woordes of vntrewth
other to the dispraise of our cap
tain, or to the hurt of our neigh
bour: but let yourcõmunicacion
be agreable with your liuynge,
Math. xii. so that ye loue your captayn a-
boue al, and your neighbour as
your self: & beware of excessious
Drinkynge whiche oftentymes
maketh an vnable souldier, and
Excdi. causeth his captain to put hym
xxxii. out of his boke, and then he be-
cõmeth a venturer which when
he is taken, is not sure of his
raunsome without the greate
mercy of his captain, also your
cap-

captain wyll aske accompt of e= Ephe. iii
uery idle worde that shall passe thorough your coller, wherfore be not outragious in any thyng but let your wordes and liuing be agreable with your captais commaundement, so that your accompt, maye be the better at the last day.

The Corsolate other wyse called Curates.

THen put on your Corsolat, with a reste basses & tasses to defende youre body in al places made of pure and gostly metall so edified with a good & cleare conscience boyd of al vn= chast liuinge, as horekeppynge, dronkennes, extorcion, coue= tous and malicious mindes &c which be cleane contrary to the commaundementes written in the newe testament of our cap= Iohn. xiii

tain which saith if ye do loue me
Joan. viii. kepe my comaundementes, and
put your only trust in the death
and passion of our captaine and
sauiour Jesu Christ, that tho-
rough the sheadyng of his pre-
cious blud, and his merites, we
his souldiers were onelye saued
Joan. iiii. frō the house of thraldome, and
are made partakers of his scāpe
and kingdōe, through our fayth
in his only bloud.

The vambrásses and gauntlets

Then put on your vanbrasses
and gantlets that your ar-
mes and handes may be de-
Ephe. vi. 8. fended frō al vngodlinesse from
stelyng, defraudyng, from figh-
ting and killyng, and from vn-
iust dealing, & be of suche liuing
Matth. vi. as ye haue in cōmandement and
to thy power geue to hym that
asketh

asketh in our captayns name & from hym that wouilde borowe, tourne not away thy face, but to thy power assiste hym, yf thou lacke worldly substance deliuer such talant as thou haste receyued of our captayn, as one christian souldier ought to do to an other wherwith he may be comforted and bee thy selfe ware of the proud assaultes of ỹ world, the deuill and the flesshe, & take the weapon of our captayne in your hand, and therwith ye shal strike the vngodly til thei be cõuerted to ỹ faith of Jesu Christ. Mare. xi. Iohan. iii.

The Helmet

THen put on youre Helmette moost Ghostly edified with the stronge woorde of God, that with the same youre heade maye be couered from all your enmies and from al vayne wor- Ephesi. iii.

des

des, wooꝛkes and thoughtes so that ye maye only consist in our captaynes death and passioue which hath payed the raunsom of all kaythfull warriers, which walketh in the right warres of his vocaciō, then yf ye fynd any soldiar that hath ben necligent in ꝑtrue seruice of our captaine let him call kaithfully and with a good intent to offend nomoꝛe and he shall be suer to fynde an aduocate, with the god the father euen the same captayne that al redy hath payed the raunsomes of all his kaithful soldiers with his pꝛecious bloudde who also seeth the thoughtes of al hertes and is redy to receyue all repen tant offenders acoꝛdyng to his saiyng: which saith, come to me all ye that labour and are laden and I shall refreshe you, also

if ye

if ye knock it shalbe opened vn-
to you. &c. And then locke down
your bauier and mosse so fast &
close, that it maye defende you Deutrono
from all fleshely syghtes and
worldly temptacions and from
the buffetes of all false Char-
mes, witchcraftes, & sotteries,
and from all Hipocrysy Super-
stitions and Idolatrye, so that
ye haue your hole trust onlye in
our Captayne and sauioure, in
none other but in our only cap-
tain and sauiour the liuing god
and then your helmet shall de-
fend and beare the strokes of al
your enemies bodily and gostly
through the helpe of oure sayde
captain & sauiour, Jesu Christ.

The graund garde and
polgremes

☞ Then

THen set one youre Graunde garde and polgremes whiche shall be edifyed with all spyrituall consolacion, that you maye be by the healpe of our capitayn defended from all the incouters of our enemies though ye be assailed, by many meanes to call you from your owne captayne, and to bryng you to the seruice of Satan, the deuell, and the rather through the false guides of Rome. &c. But be you faythfull soldiers to your owne captayn, and ye maye be sure ye shall be placed with the felowshyppe of warriers in heauen, which folowed theyr Captayn, on white horses, and were clo-
Apoc. 17. thed in pure white sylke, accordyng to the pureneſſe of ỹ place, to the which campe our captain and sauiour gene vs grace so to

serue

ſerue that we maye be worthye to come at the laſt daie.

The Sworde.

THen gyrde faſte aboute you the two edged ſweorde and therwithe ye ſhall miniſtre execucion to the ſoldiers of vnbeleefe euen to their vtter confuſion and ye ſhall extoll and only magnify ỹ name of our captain whiche is in heauen, and there ſytteth on the ryght hand of God the father, and frome thence he ſhall come to iudge the quicke & the deade. Ebrues. 4 Mat xx. 5

The Lawnce or Speare

THen take the launce of faith in your hande, whiche is prepared to in cõuiter with the vngodly and with it ye ſhall ſtoutly ſtryke thẽ to their great ouerthrowe, and ſhall put them to vtter ſilẽce through the helpe Epheſy. 4. Math 4.

of

of oure capitayne, but beeware that your frayle flesh cause you not to forget your Captayne & that ye pearse him not in sted of the enemy, as blind lunges did, and that you kisse him not with Judas vnkaythfully.

The warryars
Charge

THen being thus armed and weponed and throughe the healpe of our Captayn and
Mathew i. sauiour which hath the gouernaunce of heauen and earth the sea, and all that is in them, for they be of his owne handes makyng, and he is a king of kinges and a lord of lordes, and of hys
Apoca. 17. kyngdome there is no ende, go forth boldly and do the message of our Captayn & sauiour and if ye fynde any enemies or theues

ues that will robbe our captain
of his honour or glorious inhe-
ritãce, or wil attribute his glo-
ry vnto stocks or stones, or to a-
ny thyng of mans makyng, or
wil say that they haue our cap-
tains & sauiours Jesu Christes
naturall bodye naturally, euen
the same that was born of Ma-
ry ỹ virgyn, fast prisoner & loc-
ked in a boxe & carye hym whe-
ther they list at their comaũde-
ment &c. ye shall take the wea-
pons whiche our captain did at
his last supper leaue in the new
testament of our captain & sa-
uiour Jesu Christ whiche is in
heuen & there sitteth on ỹ right
hãd of god the father almighty,
which whẽ he ascended, and be-
fore the cloude, receyued hym
oute of the sight of the menne of
Galilee: he said, I goo to my fa- Iohn 14.
ther, and your father, and to my ℣ 20.
god, and your god, to prepare a

eate for you, & wyl receyue you
euē to myself, that where I am
there shall you be, & when that
the lorde had spoken to them he
ake 16 was receyued into heauen and
uke xxii. there sytteth on the ryght hande
of god euē with his whole god-
cles. 7. hed and manhed, although hys
godhed be euerywhere: also you
shall fynd so many places of au-
ctorite in the same Testament
to proue the same that the infi-
deles romysh Champyons and
all other the disciples of the de-
uil shall be confounded by the
same, although the Enemyes
haue ben suffred by our graund
captayn to iudge by great false
tyranye, some trewe solders to
the fyer for the trewth sake, &
so hath persecuted them as thei
dyd our Captaine and sauiour
before gyltlesse & c. but he hath
raūsomed them home vnto hys
owne Camp and kyngdom that

Joyfull soldiars be they which hath receiued such persecucions for their Captains sake Therfore good christen soldiers take thys armur vnto you & gouern your selfes with it so well that ye put youre hole confidence & trust in our Captayne and sauiours death and passion, and ye shalbe suer that ye shalbe placed with the feloship of ẏ faithful which shall neuer see corupciõ. &c. O what kind of soldiers be they that haue so good a captain & yet wyll seme so vnkynde vnto hym to refuse hys saruice which hath louid them so welle that he hath writteen their names in hys boke with hys owne precious bloode so that they are sure their raunsõe is not to seke for he hath payed it all redye wh hys precious bodye and bloode vpon the Crosse, & yet some vngodly souldiers, of a deuelyshe

Iohn. 3

Actes 11

Dauyd 15

Peter 5.

minde doth willynglye forsake
theire owne god and trew cap-
tayne and becometh venterers
& subiectes to the deuill, which
when they haue serued a cer-
tayne tyme after the lustes of
the flesh, they shalbe rewarded
accordyng to their seruice, that
is, to lose the kyngdom of Joye
and to enter into the continual
payne emonge the forlorn hope
of lost soldiers which when thei
wer once placed with their cap-
tayne of their vngodlye mynde
refused the same, soo that with
owte the greate mercye, of the
great Captayne they haue lost
their ransome & must remayne
Prysoners for euer from which
prison our graunde Captayne
and sauiour Jhesu Christ saue
all sold yars and geue vs grace
to amende our liuynge in tyme
and to serue truly lyke faithful
Soldiars.

The souldiers charge.

NOw verely there is a faut emonge many soldiers, as well emong some English soldiars as other nacions whiche when they be once chosen to goo agaynste the kynges ennemies whether it be in Scotland or Fraunce or else where, they do vse such vngodlye vsages wt in the kynges realme both owt warde and home wardes as ys great shame to reherse for some wyll take their neyghboures Cattayle and vittayle and will paye nothinge, and some wylle procure mens wyues & seruantes to vngodlye liuinge & some vseth excessiows drynkynge & other some abhominable sweryng in such wyse that the godlye soldiars often tymes feare to be plagued for the euels sake wherfore good Christian soldiers let vs praye to our graund

Captayne that he may geue vs
hys grace so to imbrace hys ho-
lye worde that we may lyue ac-
cordyng to the same and that e-
uery Christen souldier maye re
ioyce eche with other so that frō
this tyme forward no Englishe
soldier shalbe worthy of reproch
in the offence aforesayd & that
we may liue only by the kynges
wages & by hys conduct money
which we haue according to his
graces godly custome & that we
may be an ensample to al other
nacions to vse the same vnto ꝑ
laude and prayse of god, and to
the pleasure of our kyng. For ve-
Math xi relye we are sure that he that
asketh of god the father, for gods
the sonnes sake it shalbee gran
ted hym, for our good captayne
and sautour is so readye an ad
Iohn xiiii uocate for vs that yf we bee re-
and xvii. pentant he wyll purchase grace
for vs of God the father accor-

dinge to hys godly promes and custom, not only for my synnes, but for the synnes of all the hole worlde. Also our ennemy Satan hath so manye kynde of spyes & so manye wayes to allewer soldiars to hys unprofitable seruice that manye of them that is lede by the flesh and be louers of gold & syluer putteth themselfs so to serue for the same, as if yt wold last euer, lyke unto the reward of our true Captayne, for some men feare not to swere an oth to their prince for to be true subiectes, & yet of an unfaithful mynd breaketh the same, whose faltes be spied immediatly & be put out of our own captais boke and hath lost their seruyce, and raunsomes & be of the forlorne hope, which fault our Captayn and sauiour geue us al grace to amende.

The Soldiars charge,

ALas good Christian soul-
diers remembre what an
harde sayinge it is when
our graund Captayne shal saie
Mat. xxv. to the vniust soldeares of vnbe-
leefe depart from me ye soldiars
of vnbeleefe, & ye shal go to euer-
lasting pain for your enfidelitie
where there shall be waylyng &
gnashing of teeth and burnyng
fier without ceassyng. &c. From
the which our captain & sauior
Iesu christ geue vs the grace so
to mortify our frail flesh and to
lead our lyfe in such ciuilytie of
the lawe that we may dread his
cen̄ces so that we may be wor-
thy to be partakers of the glory
of his kyngdom & there to reste
Iohn xiii. in the peace of GOD with
Abraham Isaak and Ia-
cob in the kingedome
of Heauen. A-
men.

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